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I. FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES (FNS)

The SA/IH payment is countable unearned income when determining eligibility for **FNS**. The SA/IH payment may affect a beneficiary's eligibility for **FNS**. See the [Integrated Eligibility Policy Manual \(IEM\)](#).

II. ENERGY PROGRAMS

The SA/IH payment is countable unearned income when determining eligibility for **Energy Programs** and may affect a beneficiary's eligibility for **Energy Assistance**. See the [IEM](#).

III. SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

According to the **communication with the** HUD Greensboro Office, SA/IH payments are excluded as income in the HUD housing assistance programs. The federal rule allowing this is found in 24 CFR, Section 5.609 (c)(8)(iii).

The a/b should report any HUD benefits received by the household to the adult services case manager to **have this subsidy included in the social work Economic Assessment**.

IV. HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency administers a variety of housing programs for North Carolina citizens. Two that have relevance to the SA/IH program are the Single Family Rehabilitation Program and the Urgent Repair Program, which are operated by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. The income limits for both these programs are set above the maximum income level for SA/IH (100% federal poverty guideline). Thus, SA/IH payments are not a barrier to eligibility for either of these programs.

These programs may be of particular help to individuals participating in the Special Assistance/In-Home Program. Information on these programs can be found at <http://www.nchfa.com>. The a/b should report any housing rehabilitation assistance received by the household to the adult services case manager to avoid the duplication of payment.

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V. SSI

The Social Security Administration has determined that SA/IH payments are excluded income for SSI purposes. **Contact the local Social Security Office** if you have questions concerning Social Security's interpretation of the rules of exclusion.

SA/IH beneficiaries must apply for SSI if they appear eligible. If the only eligibility requirement pending is the SSI payment **FBR amount**, authorize the SA/IH payment and calculate the payment amount using any countable income the beneficiary may have. **Use the appropriate reason code for income below the FBR.** Once the SSI payment is determined, adjust the SA/IH payment to reflect the SSI amount. This is for cases where SSI has determined a beneficiary to be disabled by Social Security standards but is still determining the payment amount.

If a beneficiary is denied SSI due to spousal income but the beneficiary meets all other eligibility criteria for SA/IH with countable income less than 100% of the federal poverty guideline, authorize the SA/IH payment and calculate the payment amount using countable income. This may result in a larger payment. The adult services case manager should be made aware of all household income where possible so they can consider it when developing a service plan.

VI. MEDICAID

The SA/IH payment is non-countable unearned income when determining eligibility for Medicaid.